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NOTICE

The Board of Elections will meet in their offices, 50 Branch Avenue, Providence, R.I. as follows:

Thursday, January 29, 2015 at 3:30 P.M.

AGENDA

- The Board may vote to approve the minutes for the meeting held on January 15, 2015.
- The Board may vote to approve and/or amend staff recommendations for proposed legislation for submission to the General Assembly (The full text of the proposed staff changes can be found at the Board of Elections website www.elections.ri.gov). The summary of the proposed staff changes is as follows:

17-9.1-16 – change would require/allow the voter to vote a provisional ballot and not be required to obtain a temporary registration certificate as provided in 17-10-18.

17-9.1-26 – Change the mail ballot application allowing the application to serve as an affirmation form for inactive voters who request a mail ballot from the address from which the voter is currently registered.

17-10-18 – provisional ballots eliminates the need for a temporary registration certificate.

17-15-14 – eliminating (c) would allow the local boards of canvassers to hire pollworkers for the primary that are employed by the united states, the state of RI or any city/town with RI.

17-20-2.1 – (regular application) Change the mail ballot application allowing the application to serve as an affirmation form for inactive voters who request a mail ballot from the address from which the voter is currently registered.

17-20-2.2 - (emergency application) Change the mail ballot application allowing the application to serve as an affirmation form for inactive voters who request a mail ballot from the address from which are currently registered. Also eliminate the language on the application that requires voters to state what constitutes the emergency, and that the emergency occurred within 20 days prior to the 4pm deadline the day prior to an election/primary.

17-20-10 – Change the specific BOE address to become generic.

17-20-13.1 – (emergency ballot application) Remove the reason for the request to receive an emergency mail ballot.

17-20-19 – Change the specific BOE address to become generic.

17-20-23 – Remove the language that the oath envelope has to be sealed in the outer envelope and also change the time the ballot must be received by the BOE to match other statutes that state when polls close or ballots must be received by the BOE.

17-20-26 – Remove the BOE requirement that BOE must advertise certifications in a newspaper of general circulation and allow the BOE to post the certification on the SOS open meetings website.

Remove the notification to candidates for state and federal offices and allows notification to the recognized political parties.

Also eliminate the language that the outer envelope must be attached to the oath envelope.

Remove language that the BOE can begin tabulating ballots into the central count optical scan unit.

17-20-27 – changes the length of time required to store mail ballots after an election to be consistent with ballots cast in the communities which follow federal law.

17-20-29 – this change requires a voter who has requested a mail ballot but has not voted it, to vote a provisional ballot on primary/election day.

17-23-2 – deletes signature on posters and fliers to be consistent with federal law.

The proposed change to 17-25-10(a)(1) and 17-25-10(c) will include the candidate as an allowable recipient of campaign contributions, consistent with language throughout other sections of Chapter 25.

The proposed change to 17-25-10(b) will eliminate the ambiguity of reporting requirements for an independent advocate following the enactment of 17-25.3

The proposed change to 17-25-11(e) will allow a candidate who funds his/her own campaign, or who receives contributions in-kind from its political party to qualify for the annual filing exemption.

The change to 17-25-11(g) will cap total fines at \$1,000 and prohibit non-filers and candidates and committees with outstanding fines from declaring for office or accepting contributions or making expenditures until the non-compliance is remedied.

- The Board may vote to approve and/or amend proposed legislative recommendations by members of the board.

- The Board may discuss and may vote on legislation supported by Common Cause of Rhode Island and the ACLU of Rhode Island that would amend R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-18 for the purpose of subjecting the Board to the rule-making requirements of the Administrative Procedures Act.
- The Board may meet in executive session pursuant to Rhode Island General Law 42-46-5(a)(2) to discuss and/or vote on *Andreza Skipworth v. Rhode Island Board of Elections, et al.*, RICHR #15ERA087-06/06.

Said meetings are open meetings and all interested parties are invited to attend. Those persons having any questions should direct them to the undersigned at 222-2345. Persons requiring hearing assistance or interpreter services must call this office at least 48 hours in advance of the meetings.

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